

Falls Church Senior Citizens Commission
Minutes of Meeting
February 21, 2007

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Susan Pollack at 4:10 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Bea Brady, Jan Greenberg, Kate Ripley, Susan Pollack, Ann O'Neil, Mary Hood
Staff: Leslyn Barrow

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes for the October 2006 meeting were approved unanimously.

4. OLD BUSINESS

There was no senior program discussion

5. NEW BUSINESS

Leslyn Barrow announced that there will be a Board and Commission Roundtable discussion on Thursday March 22 at the Community Center. The purpose of the discussion is to get feedback for the City Council on issues important to the boards and commissions. Additional information will be sent to the chairs before the event. Currently issues such as lack of full membership, insufficient members for a quorum and lack of agenda items impact several boards and commissions.

Leslyn advised that the Human Services Advisory Council is open to a discussion of consolidation with the Senior Citizens Commission. This possibility was briefly discussed, and the commissioners felt that this might be a good move, as long as both groups have similar interests.

6. CHAIRPERSONS REPORT

The Chair had no report.

7. STAFF REPORT

Leslyn Barrow reported that two Commissioner's terms expire on February 28.

The City Budget will be presented to Council on March 12. There will be opportunity for public comment after the presentation. The budget will be finalized April 23...

Leslyn distributed the Senior Center Calendar for February and highlighted activities.

The Housing and Human Services Division will begin accepting applications for the Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) program on March 1.

At the request of a member of the public, Leslyn shared with the Commission a situation in which an elderly citizen moved out of her home due to illness but wanted to continue to receive tax relief on the property. Virginia Code states that a person must live in their home to be eligible for tax relief.

8. ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Commissioners decided that they are interested in pursuing an indoor community swimming pool. It was suggested that support for a community pool could be included as a possible proffer when the City works with developers. Susan Pollack agreed to contact the City

Attorney to see if there are any problems with the Commission facilitating a petition drive. Susan will also draft a petition. Ann O'Neil agreed to compile a list of other groups or individuals who might be willing to assist with this effort. Suggestions include recruiting local churches, students from the high school, scouting groups, etc. Names and contact information should be forwarded to Ann by February 28th. Once this information is pulled together, the Commission will decide whether to move forward with additional plans.

Commissioners requested information on the opening of the Read Building (500 block of W. Broad Street. Leslyn will follow up on this request and report back to the commission.

ADJOURNMENT– the meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.